

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, said method comprising:

receiving billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider;

reading a business model file comprising at least one business dimension within said entity; and

allocating said billing information by said at least one business dimension.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said at least one business dimension comprises at least one of a business process, organizational information, and an associated business performance metric.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein
said organizational information includes said plurality of groups, wherein
said allocating step further comprises determining costs incurred by each
of said plurality of groups.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said reading step further comprises:

determining an internal structure of said entity, including ~~various~~ said plurality of groups within said entity;

determining a billing detail of said plurality of groups within said entity;

determining a value driver of said entity; and

determining an application profile of said entity.